

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## FORCE REVIEW SUMMARY ADDENDUM

**INCIDENT:** Use of Force - Category 3 – In Custody Death  
**DATE/TIME:** January 7, 2015 / 2121 hours  
**URN #:** 015-00252-2134-339  
**IAB #:** FO 2373258  
**LOCATION:** [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California 90059

### SYNOPSIS

The purpose of this addendum is to change to a category of force from level two to level three, based on the fact a death occurred after a use of force. Additionally, Sergeant [REDACTED] is now listed a witness in this case, instead of an involved employee. An explanation of the Taser download data sheet was requested from Axon (formerly Taser International) for further clarification.

### ADDENDUM SUMMARY

On October 4, 2017, IAB Sergeant Chapman contacted Axon to seek a subject matter expert. Sergeant Chapman spoke to [REDACTED] Manger for Axon. [REDACTED] is a subject matter expert for Axon. [REDACTED] requested a copy of the Taser data download sheet (**Exhibit A: Pages # 235-250**) for the Taser used during the use of force to analyze the data. The data sheet was emailed to him for review. IAB Sergeant Chapman inquired as to why the Taser download data shows an overlap activation. Log # 439 begins at 18:03:23 and records a 29 second activation. Log # 439 begins at 18:03:29, six seconds after the prior activation, and records a five second activation. To better demonstrate the times and duration, an excerpt from the Taser data download is highlighted below for comparison.

Line	Recorded	Corrected	duration
438	3/16/2000 18:03:23	1/6/2015 21:47:24	29
439	3/16/2000 18:03:29	1/6/2015 21:47:30	5

**IAB Note:** The Taser's internal clock resets when the Taser is stored without the battery, or a power loss occurs. Once the Taser is synchronized to a computer, the Taser's internal clock will reflect the current time and accurately record the activation time(s).

██████████ formed an opinion as to possibilities for the overlap in activations. In summary, ██████████ stated the officer (Deputy Rothrock) may have inadvertently reduced the trigger pressure slightly by 0.9 pounds, thus creating two separate log entries. The second possibility is a battery disconnect or brief power loss during activation, which may have caused the data log to reflect multiple activations. ██████████ also converted the time stamp on the data log to reflect the actual activations times during the use of force. ██████████ emailed his detailed theories and his resume and they are included as **Exhibit H**.